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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The "Famine"

THE Urban Council Subcommittee's report on low cost housing tabled at the Council meeting last week provoked mixed feelings. The reports certainly show that the Committee for Rental Ranges fulfilled its commission admirably and tackled with commendable care and thoroughness the big task of making a detailed assessment of the accommodation needs of the lower wage group. However this is tempered somewhat by the disappointing report of the Committee on housing sites. Of the six sites named in the report as coming under the Committee's scrutiny only the Cadogan Street site and about 14 acres of the Kowloon Tong site (at present occupied by a film studio) are immediately available for building of low-cost housing. There is no need to stress the urgency of the problem. Mr Au in his address to the Urban Council last week described the position correctly, when he said Hongkong was facing a housing famine. There is not only the present huge demand for homes for the so-called "white collar workers" but the demands of a far greater section of the community including such people as technicians and skilled artisans; there is also the question of squatter resettlement for more than 160,000 people. It is important to understand too that low-cost housing, resettlement and building of satellite towns also involve a determined attempt to improve the standard of living of the future occupants, to provide them with homes which conform to Western standards at as low a cost of rental as possible—an essential obligation of present-day colonial authority.

It is probably worthwhile adding that this is a problem that will grow enormously in the years to come with the natural increase in the population at present around the 54,000 a year mark and the distinct probability that Hongkong will be faced with a slum clearance programme in some of the old, heavily-built-up districts in the not too distant future. It is probable that all this work will become eventually the responsibility of the new Housing Authority whose initial functions are to devise, initiate and control housing schemes with money received on loan from the Government and to co-ordinate the various private schemes undertaken by Housing Societies in the Colony. The Authority will include members of the Urban Council and presumably, to make up its full complement, it will invite experienced representatives of those societies which have already made a start on low-cost housing, as well as private individuals concerned with building in the Colony. The recent must be on the utmost co-operation between all sections of the community if this venture is to succeed and it would be wise if, as one of its first investigations, the Authority made some assessment of the plans of private firms which are contemplating building quarters for their employees so that it can gain at once an overall picture of the work being undertaken in this field. While low-cost housing is a relatively new venture in Hongkong it has been in operation in Singapore since 1947 and undoubtedly the new Housing Authority will be able to learn many valuable lessons from its sister colony. This is another preliminary that the Authority may find useful in preparing itself for the bigger job ahead.

SAVAGE INDO-CHINA BATTLE

Vivid Official Story Of Engagement Hand-To-Hand Fighting

Hanoi, Mar. 14. Fanatic Communist rebels, supported by artillerymen trained in Red China, charged through 1,000 of their own dead and into the outer defences of French-held Dien Bien Phu, the French High Command announced today.

The French High Command announced that the attacking rebels clambered over the shattered mounds of Communist corpses in a night-long, nightmare battle for the strategic French outpost ringed with a maze of barbed wire, slit trenches, foxholes and tanks thrown into the front lines to halt the Reds.

As the Communists stormed into Dien Bien Phu, tank-tipped French forces lanced into strong Vietnamese forces threatening the Hanoi-Haiphong road in what French High Command officials said was the beginning of the war's "most savage and perhaps last battle".

Reinforcements poured throughout the night into the beachhead in Central Annam where an assault force was landed yesterday to ease the pressure on the Red River delta—Indo-China's rice bowl.

The Dien Bien Phu commander, Colonel Christian de Castries, radioed the following description of the fanatic Vietnamese assault:

Rebel artillery, mainly Japanese and American guns supplied by Communist China, plus modern recoilless guns laid down a powerful barrage on the Eastern sector of the fortress early yesterday afternoon.

French artillery immediately began bombarding the Vietnamese artillery positions dug out on hillsides surrounding Dien Bien Phu defences.

When night fell, scores of Vietnamese companies swung out from the jungle to a bugle call. The yelling rebel shock troops locked in savage hand-to-hand fighting with the outnumbered defenders, who put up a "heroic resistance".

After mowing down hundreds of the dark-green-and-black-clad rebel soldiers, the situation became too critical for the French companies, who were ordered to retreat.

Shortly before 10 p.m. (local time) new rebel waves lunged themselves against the first outer line, which had been reinforced by French tanks firing point blank and tearing huge holes in the milling Vietnamese ranks.

One hour later rebel troops overran the second French defence line, the spokesman said.

BAYONET CHARGES
About 100 French troops who survived the carnage and were encircled by the fanatic rebel masses cut their way to safety with bayonet charges during the night.

The French Command said the rebel command made use of all its available means in the attack. For the first time in the eight-year-old war, rebel artillery units trained in Communist China used a powerful fire concentration against the French. An estimated 1,000 rebels were slain in the furious, night-long battle.

It was the first mass attack against a French fortress since the Vietnamese assault against Nuan in December 1952, which cost the Reds 3,000 troops, a Command spokesman said.

United defending the bastion are hand-picked troops ranked as the best of the French Army has at present. Colonel de Castries earned fame in 1949 when, with 60 men, he held off a German battalion backed up by tanks and Stuka dive bombers for three days and was wounded and captured when attempting a breakthrough.

After escaping from a German POW camp, he fought in the Italian campaign and was the first one to enter Siena. He served in Indo-China since the war started and, with 20 citations, is one of the most decorated French officers. All through last night's battle, with shells crashing against his concrete bunker, Colonel de Castries directed the operations. He kept in constant radio contact with the Hanoi Northern Headquarters of General Rene Cogny.

Arrayed against the French are two to three regular divisions. Units withdrawn by General Vo Nguyen Giap, the rebel commander-in-chief, were recently replaced by the 308th (rock division), which returned to Dien Bien Phu after its abortive invasion of Laos. To ease pressure on the Red River delta—Indo-China's key area—thousands of French Union commando troops storm-

ed ashore in Central Annam yesterday, seizing Quinhon, an important Vietnamese port and supply center. After receiving reinforcements overnight, the commandos staged inland seeking destruction of 12 Vietnamese battalions.

A Command spokesman said at least one rebel battalion, or about 600 men, had been killed in clashes on both sides of the 84-mile stretch of Colonial Highway 6 connecting Hanoi and Haiphong. In the past, French casualties in the past five days in the delta to well over 1,100, the spokesman said.

The rebels captured the hill overlooking Dien Bien Phu after a savage close-quarter fight. French counter-attacks during the night permitted part of the defenders to break out from rebel encirclement and withdraw. The rebels first attacked the fortress last Thursday, shelling for one hour the narrow airstrip which is Dien Bien Phu's only link with Hanoi.

The fortress, held by some 60,000 French paratroops, North African, Vietnamese and Foreign Legion units, had been seized by the French on November 20 in a daring airborne operation. It lies in a shallow valley 180 miles west of Hanoi. The French had declared many times in recent months that the Dien Bien Phu bastion was "unconquerable". Staff officers said Dien Bien Phu, which depends on the Hanoi delta for its reinforcements, supplies and air support, coincided with desperate rebel attacks against the vital delta supply centres and communications.

HAIPHONG HEARS GUNS
In the Hanoi-Haiphong sector the thunder of heavy French guns could clearly be heard in Hanoi. Tanks and armoured cars rumbled through the tense 100,000-inhabitant port now for the second week under state of emergency legislation.

Thousands of French Union forces, including Foreign Legion and North African shock troops, fanned out at dawn into the rice fields and bamboo thickets alongside the highway chasing the rebels. The railway has been cut off for several days after Vietnamese commandos blew up large stretches of the tracks last week. The road too has been damaged but traffic was resumed last Friday.

French-Vietnamese units all over the delta stayed alert for the moment when the Vietnamese command launches its 70,000 troops inside the perimeter against French forces and communications in a general offensive.

French Command officers said they had no doubt such an offensive would come shortly. A powerful French task force, including an unspecified number of French plus one Vietnamese battalion, plunged ashore from assault vessels in Central Annam yesterday. Operation "Azelle", described by a Command spokesman as the second stage of Operation "Atlanta", launched two months ago about 100 miles south of Quinhon.

The port, which before the war was one of Indo-China's busiest with 30,000 inhabitants, is a huge mass of ruins. A low, 370 miles north of Saigon, was destroyed by the rebels at the beginning of the conflict when they feared the French might establish their base there. Only the Catholic Cathedral, Bishop's and the

little Chinese district were left intact.

French Union troops met with little resistance. Rebel units fled inland to rejoin the 12 Vietnamese battalions stationed on Central Annam's high plateaus.

THREEFOLD AIM
The French aim was threefold, according to a spokesman:

1. Divert Vietnamese attention to Central Annam and possibly compel the Reds to withdraw some troops from the Red River delta to cope with the French threat in Annam.

2. Liberate additional territory from Communist rule and establish along the coast a solid native administrative network.

3. Deprive the rebels of their richest manpower and rice reservoir outside the Red River delta.

The French command will seek to establish contact with and destroy the 12 rebel battalions in the Quinhon area and to capture the many workshops and other crude weapons for the rebels, French Staff officers said.

French casualties during the lightning capture of the port were limited to a few men wounded by landmines and other contraptions. A few hours after landing ashore French troops joined with columns inching North from recently-captured Songau, 18 miles to the South.

The Governor of Central Vietnam, Phom Van Gio, landed in Quinhon shortly after the establishment of the first administrative services by scores of civil servants transported by the French warships.—United Press.

7 LIVES LOST IN TORNADO

Atlanta, Georgia, Mar. 15. Seven persons were today reported killed and some 70 others injured in a tornado which swept over Georgia last night. Latest reports estimated the damage done by the twister at more than \$23,000,000.—France-Press.

Casablanca, Mar. 14. A terrorist shot and killed a Moroccan barber in his shop in the Medina quarter of the city, the police said today.—United Press.

MAO TSE-TUNG SUFFERING FROM DIABETES, REPORT

(By A Special Correspondent)

People in Red China are just as puzzled as the outside world by the disappearance from the public scene for nearly three months of the Peking People's Government's Chairman, Mr Mao Tse-tung.

Travelers from Canton said yesterday Communist radio and newspapers have not mentioned him for weeks, although his portrait is still being prominently displayed on all public occasions.

They said it was generally believed he was gravely ill, but that he was still alive. It was known that he had been suffering from diabetes but complications were believed to have set in.

The informants stated they had found no evidence to support the view that Mr Mao Tse-tung had been ousted from power, but they agreed the overall picture seemed to indicate that the pro-Russian in-

The Pope's Malady Named

Vatican City, Mar. 14. Pope Pius XII is suffering from stegnoals of the pylorus, it was learned tonight.

This is the description of the Pope's malady given in the last few days to Cardinals and other high prelates who have asked for news of his condition.

It means contraction of the end of the stomach, which leads into the small intestine.

It was understood that this contraction was still preventing the Pope from keeping down any but minute quantities of food.

But this direct nourishment, begun a week ago, has enabled his doctors greatly to reduce the indirect feeding which had maintained him for the previous two months.

It was understood that he is now being fed on occasional teaspoonful of extract of grapes and a paste made of bananas.—Router.

Elderly Man Inherits A Fortune

Bloomington, Mar. 14. A 64-year-old man, who has \$9 a month in charitable grants to take care of his small wages as a storeman, has received news that he is co-heir to a \$4,000,000 fortune in Scotland. He is Mr. John Pringle of Glasgow.

Mr. John Pringle of Glasgow, who has never earned more than £30 a month.

He has received a letter stating that the £4,000,000 inheritance of an uncle, whom he has never met, is to be divided equally between him, a relative in Scotland and a church.

The news has also been welcomed by Mr. Pringle's 103-year-old mother who is living in the South African Republic. Mr. Pringle's grandfather was well over 100 when he died.

"I hope to reach the age of 110," says Mr. Pringle, "so I shall have plenty of time to enjoy this wonderful and unexpected inheritance. I like travel and hope to see a lot more of England, and, of course, Scotland."—France-Press.

COMET TESTS CONTINUE

London, Mar. 14. A British Overseas Airways spokesman said here today that if further routine test flights were successfully completed, BOAC Comet services would be resumed on March 23.

A BOAC Comet made two major test flights on Friday—the first since the planes were voluntarily grounded by BOAC after a Comet crash off Elba in January.

Another flight, lasting over three hours, was made yesterday at normal Comet operating height of 35,000 to 40,000 feet. Detailed reports on the tests are now being studied.—Reuter.

Anglo-Chinese Trade Talks Cancelled

BUSINESSMEN ABANDON FLIGHT TO BERLIN

London, Mar. 14. A mysterious telephone call from Berlin today cancelled trade talks between a group of British businessmen and Chinese Communist delegates after the Foreign Office had warned the businessmen that their trade association was connected with a Communist front organisation.

Approximately 35 British businessmen, including 17 members of the "China Trade Committee" who visited Peking last year, were due to fly to Berlin today for trade talks with the Chinese in East Berlin, scheduled to start tomorrow.

But at London's Northolt Airport this morning they were handed sealed messages informing them that the talks had been called off "at the request of the Chinese."

The messages were delivered after a telephone call from Roland Berger, chairman of the "China Trade Committee" who arrived in Berlin two days ago to arrange the talks. Berger today eluded newsmen and declined to discuss the sudden change of plan.

Only three members of the original group ignored the sealed message and continued their journey to Berlin, but all three stressed tonight that they were acting independently of the "China Trade Committee" and intended to negotiate directly with the Chinese in East Berlin.

Foreign Office officials last week privately informed a number of British businessmen that the "China Trade Committee" was an offshoot of the British Council for the Promotion of International Trade, branded by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, as a Communist-front organisation.

FUZZLED BY ACTION
"If the British government announces officially that the China Trade Committee is a Communist-front organisation, then we shall immediately sever all connection with it," said Mr. Sternberg, managing director of Frencas Ltd., one of the largest chemical manufacturers in Britain. But the three businessmen were puzzled by the last-minute cancellation of the talks, and were tonight anxiously waiting for an explanation from Mr Berger.

Meanwhile, a reception for the businessmen, reported to have been planned by the Chinese, also was cancelled.

The "China Trade Committee" was formed by British firms trading with Communist China in non-strategic goods after their visit to Peking last year. The East Berlin meeting was scheduled to be the first full trade conference with the Chinese since that visit, although several firms have met the Chinese privately in the meantime.

The Peking visit last July resulted in trade agreements for the exchange of £15,000,000 worth of British goods for Chinese exports.

The three businessmen who reached Berlin all complained over the lack of official guidance from the British authorities and

pointed out that any contracts negotiated by them were subject to approval by the British Board of Trade.

In London, one of the six traders, John Campaigne, representative of the Record Electrical Company, Ltd., said at London Airport: "I honestly don't know the reason for the postponement of the talks. Nor do I know of any Foreign Office ban. I was not aware of the postponement of the talks until I reached London Airport."

The group was met at the airport by Michael Rivling, who identified himself as an "independent business consultant." He said only, "It is not my place to talk on the conference or the delegates. It is not my clients' wishes that there should be any publicity."

The cancellation of the businessmen's trip climaxed a week of concern in Britain over trading with Iron Curtain countries. Yesterday Colonel Frank Norman, Westminster Chamber of Commerce chairman, was ordered held for trial on charges of violating British export regulations in shipping \$599,000 worth of copper to Communist Poland.

He was the sixth person accused during the week of being involved in deals violating regulations backing up the United Nations' strategic goods embargo for Communist States.

Sir Winston Churchill, said in the Commons on February 25 that he favoured a "substantial relaxation" in the UN embargo, but specifically expected Communist China "until a Korea or wider Far Eastern settlement is established."—United Press.

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Four Fatally Electrocuted

Perth, Mar. 14. A man was killed today trying to pull his son, who died off an electrified fence. His wife was injured and two other small boys were also killed. Four more children were injured.

A fallen power line at Bridgeport, about 150 miles from Perth, electrified a stream and a nearby fence. The children waded into the creek, received a strong shock and rushed out screaming straight into the electrified fence.—China Mail Special.

Saved Royal Yacht From Being Rammed

Portsmouth, Mar. 14. Four Portsmouth boatmen in two small launches saved the £2,100,000 Royal yacht Britannia from being rammed by two drifting paddle steamers in Portsmouth harbour last week, it was disclosed today.

The 4,000-ton Britannia is moored at a special jolly completing preparations before sailing to Tobruk next month to bring back Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the last stage of their Commonwealth tour.

The paddle steamers, Ryde (580 tons) and Sandown (684 tons), both owned by British Railways, were roped together alongside a harbour coaling depot.

After a night of heavy gales two of the boatsmen, James Butcher and Reginald Reed, saw them drifting with no one on board.

Butcher and Reed piloted their launch towards the Sandown, put a towing line aboard and for 10 minutes held the two steamers against a strong tide.

"When we reached the ships they were about 150 yards away from the Royal yacht but by the time we had got towing, they were considerably nearer," Mr Butcher said today.

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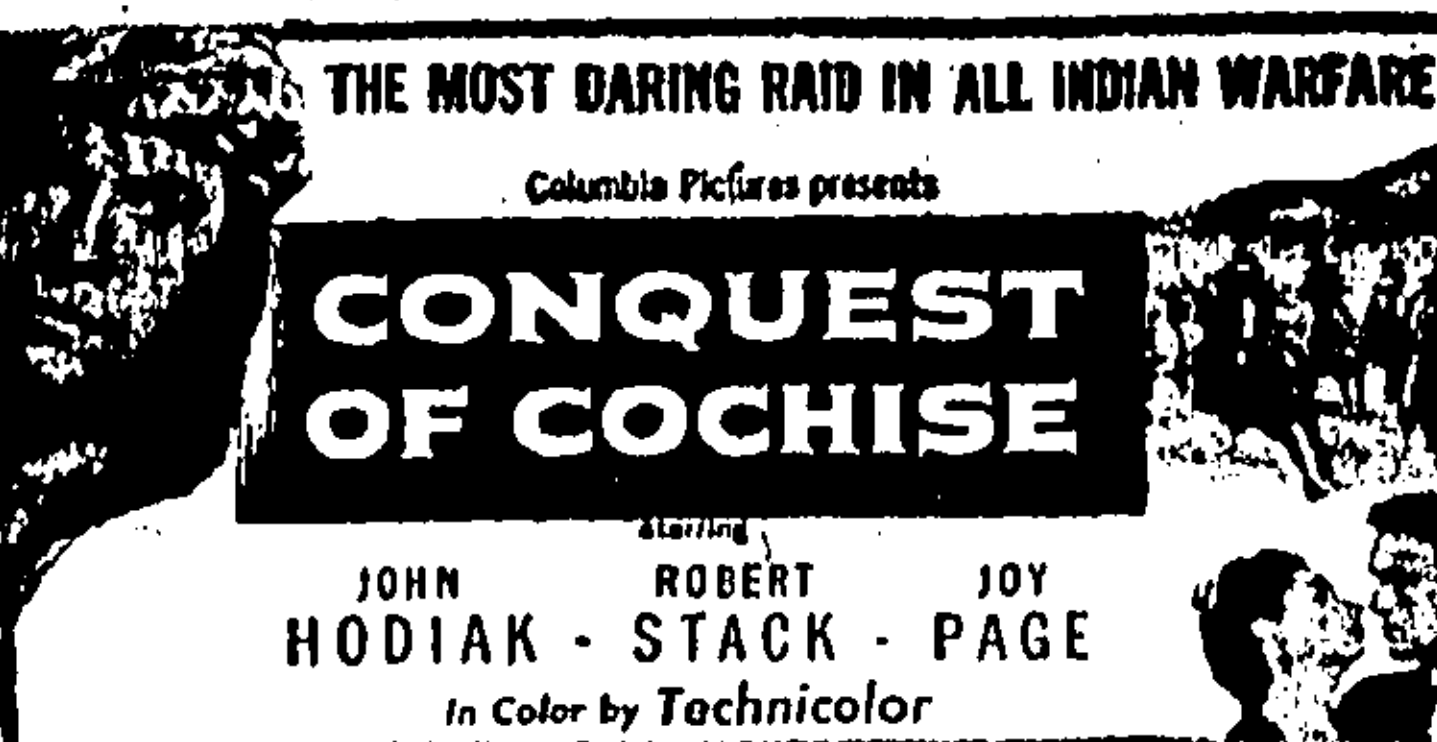
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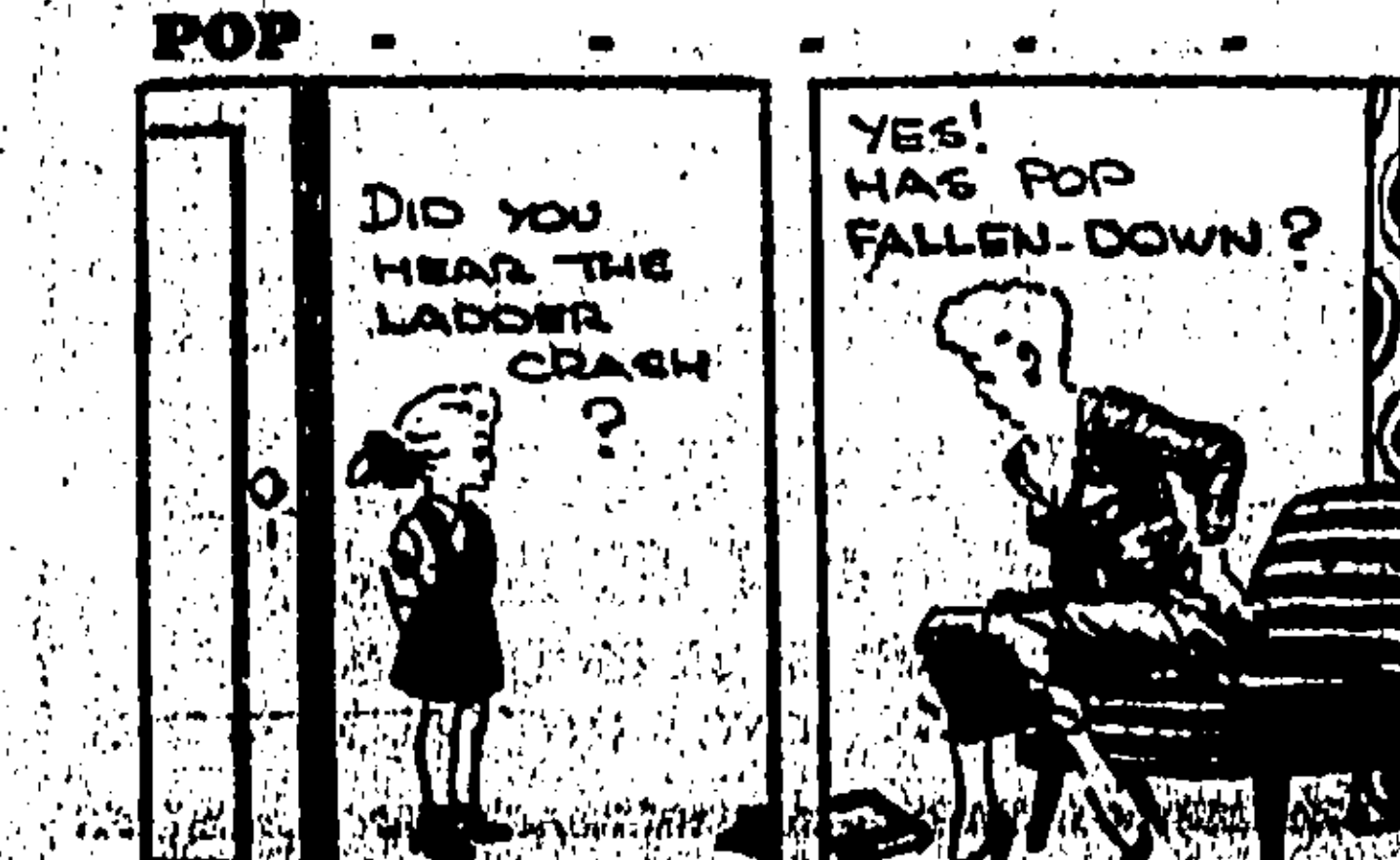


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Six American Representatives Say:
'USA SHOULD REDEPLOY ITS TROOPS'Suggested Action
Against
European Apathy

Washington, Mar. 14.

Six Representatives, members of a House armed forces committee, have proposed that the Defence Department should carry out a redeployment of American troops abroad as a result of the lack of urgency apparently shown by certain countries in ratifying the European Defence Community treaty.

The proposal is contained in a report drawn up by the six Representatives after a fact-finding tour of Western Europe made last autumn led by William Hess and published on Monday morning.

They also suggested more use should be made of local labour, particularly in Italy and in the American bases now under construction in Spain.

The Representatives said in their report France must join economically and socially with other West European countries and they criticise a form of reasoning in France which, they say, looks back and ignores the future. They acknowledge, however, the sacrifices which France has made in Indo-China.

Regarding the position in Italy, the report states the situation with respect to the EDC is much the same as it is in France. Italy, the report said, was doing something towards joint defence within the limits of her economy but it was very little in comparison to her needs.

The Representatives spent three days in Norway and Denmark where, they said, the attitude towards Germany of the Norwegians and the Danes who had been so recently invaded by that country was understandable, but they believed these people now saw Germany's recovery as a sign that the German people has a reawakened conscience and they recognise the importance which a solid German community would have for them.—France-Press.

A STEP NEARER

Bonn, Mar. 14.
West Germany is expected this week to take another step nearer rearmament and a place in the projected European Army.

The Bundesrat (upper house) on Friday is expected to debate a constitutional amendment which would give West Germany the express power to raise troops.

This amendment, passed by the Bundestag (lower house) last month, is expected to get the necessary two-thirds majority in the Bundesrat.

It states there is nothing contrary to the constitution in West Germany's treaties with the West, the Bonn conventions and

the European Defence Community (EDC) treaty. These would give her virtual sovereignty and allow West German contingents to serve in the European Army.

FRANCE'S ATTITUDE

But under the occupation statute the amendment, if passed by Parliament, must then be approved by the Allied High Commission before it can come into force.

Informed Allied sources have said the Allied Commission, largely on French insistence, will make approval effective only from the date on which the EDC comes into force.

France feels it would be inconsistent to agree to legislation giving Germany the theoretical power to rearm before the EDC comes into being, these sources said.

The Social Democratic opposition, opposed to West German participation in a European Army, is still studying the possibility of bringing a constitutional complaint against the amendment.—China Mail Special.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Paris, Mar. 14.
Demonstrations against the European Defence Community Treaty occurred in many Paris precincts and in the provinces today when delegations laid wreaths at war memorials in protest over ratification of the EDC Treaty and German rearmament.

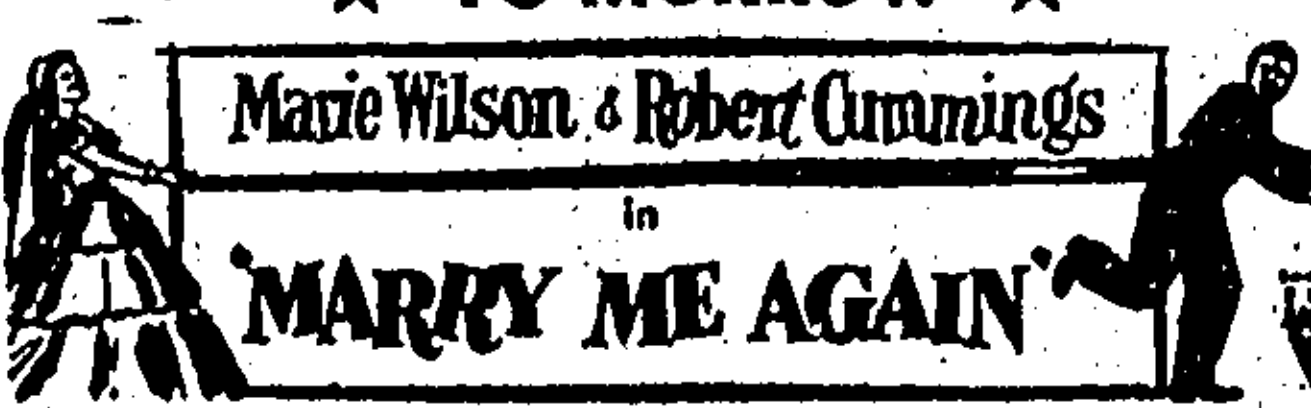
In response to the appeals of various organisations sponsoring the anti-EDC movement, delegations brought flowers to cemeteries in tribute to the war dead and to those who died fighting for the liberation of France.

Reports reaching here tonight said the demonstrations took place in perfect calm.—France-Press.

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West Germany Is Reburying Nazi War Criminals

Ninety-one German war criminals executed by the British and buried in unmarked graves in Hamelin prison are being exhumed. They are being buried by the German authorities in the municipal cemetery.

They include Josef Kramer, the "beast of Belzen," Irma Grese, "the woman with the whip and dog," and most of the other notorious Nazi concentration camp officials.

The reburial is the result of years of agitation by right-wing elements in Lower Saxony. Reports that it was made necessary by structural alterations in the prison grounds are untrue. There are no such alterations.

The opening of the graves was begun a few days ago on the orders of the Lower Saxony Ministry of Justice.

The remains are being put in separate coffins for burial in separate graves.

The Lower Saxony Finance Ministry allocated about £1,700 for the purpose.

PUBLIC TRIAL

The executions were carried out at Hamelin by Pierpoint, the British hangman, after open trial before British courts in Germany between 1945 and 1948. The total number of war criminals executed by the British was 100.

They included another 64 who were executed at Hamelin. These were buried mostly in unmarked graves outside the prison.

The prison was handed over to the German authorities in 1950. The names of the buried criminals and the exact position of the graves were not given to the German authorities.

They were eventually discovered and identified by the German prison authorities, who laid out a flower bed to commemorate them.

GERMAN COMMENT
The report of the reburials in the Hanover newspaper Hanoversche Allgemeine Zeitung, after saying that the sentences

Fewer Tensions In World Says Mrs Pandit

Madras, Mar. 14.
"Tensions in the world today are less than they were," declared Mrs. Vilasini Lakshmi Pandit, President of the United Nations General Assembly, when interviewed here by the Press today.

Mrs. Pandit, who arrived in Madras today on her way to Colombo on a week's holiday, added that "all of us must explore the areas of agreement to the fullest extent knowing as we do the results of failure."

She refused to comment on the election speech of the Soviet Premier, M. George Malenkov, because of her position as President of the United Nations General Assembly. "However, I always welcome any statement which shows friendship and understanding towards other nations," she said.—Express Photo.

Caracas Decision on Communism

'Momentous Reiteration Of Portion Of Monroe Doctrine'

Washington, Mar. 14.

The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, on his return from Caracas today, said the Inter-American conference has made a "momentous" reiteration of "a portion of the Monroe doctrine which has largely been forgotten."

This portion relates "to the extension to this hemisphere of the political system of despotic European powers," Mr Dulles said in a statement immediately after his plane landed at National Airport.

Mr Dulles spent two weeks at Caracas as chief of the United States delegation at the 10th Inter-American conference. He left Mr Henry F. Holland, new assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, to represent the United States during the remainder of the meeting.

Mr Dulles said he is "very satisfied" with the results obtained so far at Caracas. But he added that important problems remained to be dealt with.

"I am particularly anxious that better understandings be reached in relation to economic and social matters of common concern," he said.

Mr Dulles was greeted at the airport by his deputy Secretary of State, Mr Walter Bedell Smith, acting assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs, Mr Robert Woodward.

MOMENTOUS DECLARATION

He told reporters on his arrival: "I am very satisfied with the results so far obtained at the Inter-American conference at Caracas. Yesterday the committee with only the negative vote of Guatemala made a momentous declaration of principles. In effect, it makes as the international policy of this hemisphere a portion of the Monroe Doctrine which has largely been forgotten and which relates to the extension to this hemisphere of the political system of despotic European powers."

Useful discussions have been going on with reference to economic and commercial matters and a better understanding will, I am confident, come out of the conference.

"We have had good results so far primarily because we were advocating a policy which was good, namely the integrity and

Won't Give Up Their Sit-Down Hunger Strike

Cairo, Mar. 14.

Madame Doris Shafik, 36-year-old leader of the El Nil (Daughters of the Nile) movement, who is still on a sit-down hunger strike in the Press Syndicate Building here today, sent a delegation of her women supporters to President Naguib, who was presiding at a meeting of the Revolution Council Command for a formal undertaking that women would be admitted to the Constituent Assembly.

Madame Shafik—once declared as "too beautiful" to lecture at Cairo University—started the hunger strike on Friday "until women are admitted to the Constituent Assembly." She was later joined by some 20 supporters.

The women hunger strikers, wearing pyjamas and dressing gowns, said today: "We shall win in the end."

Today Madame Shafik's husband, Dr Nur El Dinragal, a well-known Cairo lawyer, urged his wife to give up the hunger strike tonight. Former Prime Minister Aly Maher, now Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee, again appealed to the women to end the demonstration. Aly Maher visited Madame Shafik yesterday and pledged: "We will defend your rights in the Constituent Assembly."—Reuter.

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LYTTELTON ENDORSES NEW UK POLICY ON KENYA

Using "General China" To Seek Surrenders

Nairobi, Mar. 14.

The Colonial Secretary Mr Oliver Lyttelton, told Kenya in a broadcast tonight the British Government wholly endorsed the policy of using the Mau Mau "General China" in an attempt to bring about the wholesale surrenders of other terrorists.

He said it was "the growing feeling amongst terrorists in certain areas that the game is up that has led to General China's offer to induce the surrender not only of his own followers but of others."

Mr Lyttelton said General China's offer was not "a bargain for his life. It arose from a deep seated feeling that nothing was to be gained by continuing the struggle."

Mr Lyttelton, speaking on the eve of his departure from the Colony, declared there was no question of negotiating with the terrorists. "What we are trying to do is to make it possible for them to surrender," he said.

Europeans have bitterly criticised the Government's use of "General China." He was captured by security forces and carried out negotiations with other Mau Mau leaders while under sentence of death. This was later commuted.

Mr Lyttelton recalled that a group of British Members of Parliament had congratulated the Government on its policy. "Such congratulations are entirely misplaced," he said.

"We have to use, however, whatever it is to do so, any means which may shorten the emergency, which may stop the butchery of a loyal population and bring the sinister terms which hang over so much of the country to an end."

THREE OBJECTIVES

The Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring, and the Commander-in-Chief, Sir George Erskine, could not neglect any opportunity of saving lives or reducing the strain on the people of Kenya.

Discussing his new proposals for setting up a multi-racial Government and starting a War Council, Mr Lyttelton said there were three objectives underlying the plans:

1. "To bring to an end an era of government only by officials and associate the inhabitants of Kenya with the responsibilities of Government."
2. "Participation in the Government should be shared by Europeans, Africans, Asians and Arabs."
3. "Springing from this new form of Government, we should have a sharper cutting edge against the Mau Mau."

FREE FROM FEAR

The changes were designed to make all races responsible for defeating the terrorists and freeing Kenya from fear. He said that though at first there were "some deplorable incidents" in the police such incidents had not been condoned and police discipline and morale had greatly improved. "The

African Leader Resigns

Nairobi, Mar. 14.

The African political leader, Mr Mathu, today tendered his resignation from the Colony's Executive Council to Governor Sir Evelyn Baring.

It was to mark his "personal protest" against not being informed of the plan before Mr Lyttelton's arrival on the Colony a fortnight ago.

He claimed that other unofficial (non-Government) members of the Executive Council had been told the outlines of the plan by the Governor.

Six African members of the Legislative Council threatened to resign from the Council when they met the Colonial Secretary at Government House today. They again declared their opposition to a plan for a new Government which included only one African as a minister and demanded more representation.

Asian political leaders who at first welcomed the new proposals were also understood to have made plain that they were reluctant to accept office in the Government unless Africans were given increased representation. —Reuter.

We cannot win by setting aside the rule of law. Six months ago Mau Mau had 70 out of every 100 incidents were initiated by the security forces.

The new constitution he proposed could not succeed "without the determination of all races to make it work." It would require much wisdom, foresight, courage and above all, forbearance and patience.

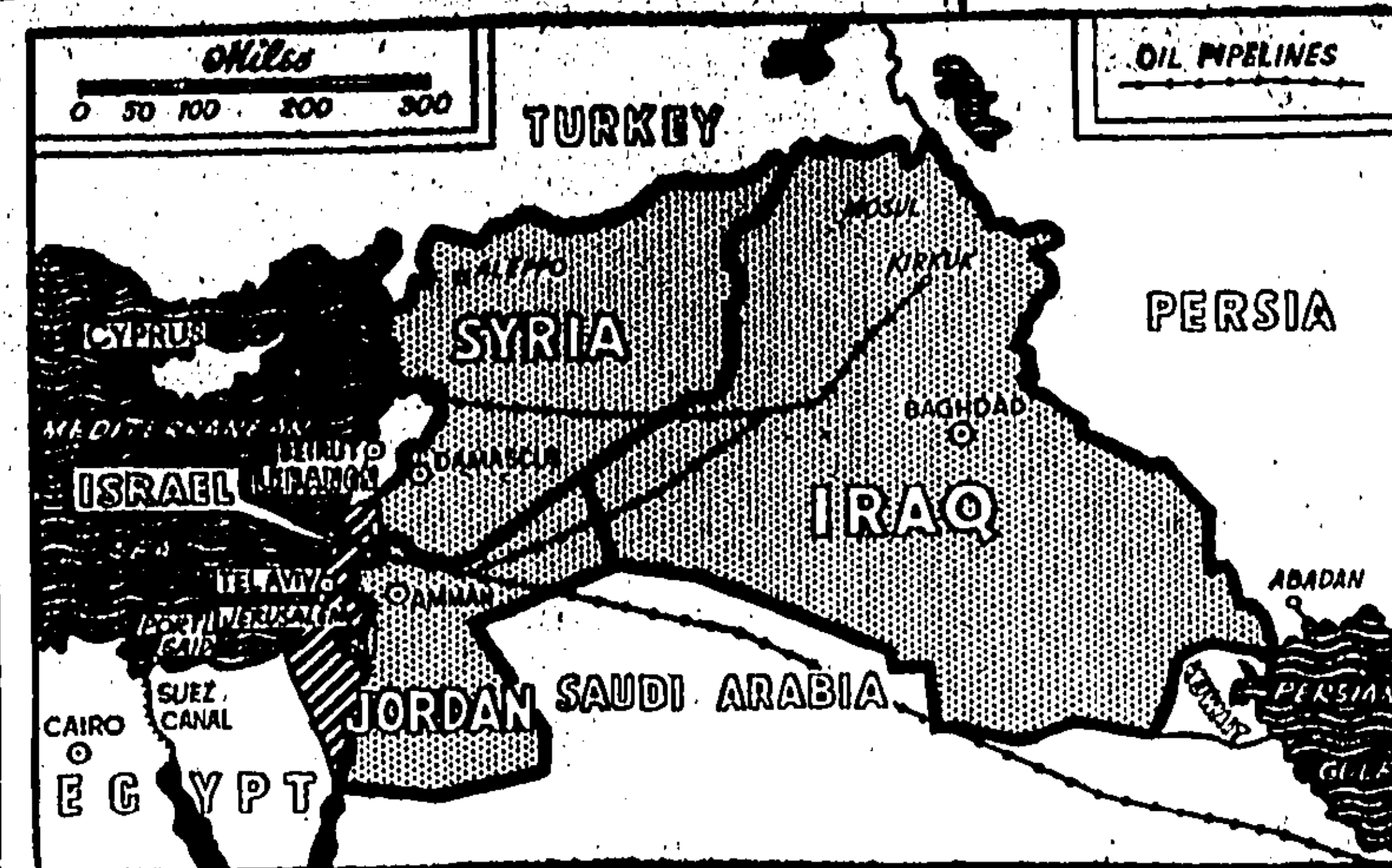
NEW PROPOSAL

Mr Lyttelton disclosed that African political leaders had today proposed to him and the Government that the proposed Council of Ministers in the reorganised Government should include four European unofficial members, two Africans and two Asians.

This would increase by one each European and African unofficial representation on the Council compared with the original "Lyttelton Plan" for the reorganisation of the Government announced last week.

The African leaders had initiated the proposal this afternoon, Mr Lyttelton said, and the Governor had agreed to transmit it to the other racial groups.

He said the proposal had not been initiated by either himself or the Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring. Mr Lyttelton said he had "no inkling" what reception the African proposal would receive from the other racial groups. —Reuter.



No man leaves a vacuum behind him when he goes, but a dictator leaves a vortex!

In Syria two weeks ago there was a vortex where once stood the stocky figure of ex-sergeant Shishakli. For two years Shishakli ruled in place of the Constitution he abolished when he wrested power from the 78-year-old President, Atassi.

Atassi is back. The Constitution is coming back. But in the wake of the departed dictator comes the threat of trouble.

This news map shows why. Shishakli was the vigorous opponent of a union between Syria, Iraq and Jordan. Now that he has gone, that union may begin to take shape. Shishakli had no friends in Israel, but there are leaders in

the young country who regret his departure, and who would sooner have a border war now with Syria and Jordan than wait till unity makes these neighbours stronger.

The vortex which Dictator Shishakli left behind him in Damascus could still drag Syria's neighbours into that bigger whirlpool—war.

Fatemi's Condition Worse: Questioning Begins

Teheran, Mar. 14.

Informed sources said today Hussein Fatemi, the Foreign Minister of the previous Mossadegh Government was in "constant" touch with the Soviet Embassy during the eight months he eluded a nation-wide man hunt by the Iranian Government.

Fatemi, was knifed and seriously injured by a howling mob before he could be gaoled after his arrest yesterday. Although doctors attended Fatemi throughout today his condition was reported to have deteriorated.

He was given blood transfusions but official spokesmen denied persistent rumours he had died.

The military prosecutor, Hossein Azamadeh, who has demanded a death sentence for Fatemi, visited him today despite his condition and began preliminary interrogation.

The authorities found two radio receiver-transmitter sets in Fatemi's hiding place, as well as \$30,000 in cheques and "important documents," informed sources said. The sources said Fatemi often visited officials at the Soviet Embassy since his downfall and period in hiding. Police today informed the officers who arrested Fatemi that they would share in the \$30,000 reward offered for his capture.

LOST LOT OF BLOOD

Fatemi is being treated in the Military Hospital at the Ghasser Garrison three miles north of Teheran.

Fatemi was reported to have lost a great deal of blood from a stab wound, in the same area of his body where he was shot by a would-be assassin two years ago. The assassin belonged to the fanatical Fidayyan Islam (Warriors of Islam) sect headed by the bearded Mullah Ayatullah Kashani.

Fatemi, disguised with a long beard and wearing purple pyjamas, was found in the suburbs. Police forced him at pistol point to shout, "Long Live the Shah." He fell to his knees, but was marched off to the headquarters of the Ministry of Government. A mob of 200 fell upon him and knifed him, crying "Death to this traitor!" —United Press.

Snow In England

London, Mar. 14. Snow and sleet fell in south-west England early today. But by dawn it had all turned to rain. —China Mail Special.

Montagu To Be Tried In Castle

Great Hall Of Winchester

London, Mar. 14.

The series of trials of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu on morals charges will move into the great hall of Winchester Castle tomorrow to accommodate the expected crowd.

The 27-year-old Peer was charged in this case with committing serious offences and gross indecency with two members of the Royal Air Force. Co-defendants were Montagu's cousin, Michael Pitt-Rivers, and a journalist, Peter Wildeblood.

Hampshire Assizes, the court before which the three will be tried, moved the trial in the great hall of the Castle, where Sir Walter Raleigh was tried for treason in 1603. The judge will sit under the ancient woodwork reputed to have been the top of King Arthur's round table. Police aroused Montagu from bed early on January 9 and took him to the station to be booked. He was freed on bail.

DENIED ALL CHARGES

Later last year he was tried on charges involving a 14-year-old boy scout. A jury cleared him on one count and was unable to agree on another. The handsome former Grenadier Guardsman denied all charges in both cases.

Once regarded as one of England's most eligible bachelors, Montagu was out of the country when charges were filed in the first case. He visited relatives in the United States and toured France before returning. He was arrested on his arrival in England. While the charges were pending, he called off his engagement. —United Press.

India Refuses Visas To US Servicemen

New Delhi, Mar. 14.

India has refused visas for a group of American servicemen due to join the United Nations team of observers in Kashmir, according to usually reliable sources here.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, declared two weeks ago that American military observers in the team which supervises the ceasefire line could no longer be treated as neutrals.

He was making a statement in the House of the People on the American decision to grant military aid to Pakistan. According to sources here today, the group of Americans were to replace others in the observer team who were due for repatriation to the United States.

A spokesman in the American Embassy tonight said the Embassy had not yet been notified of the American Government's decision to grant visas to the observers.

Queen Plans To Move Her Court To Windsor

London, Mar. 15.

Queen Elizabeth plans to move her court from Buckingham Palace to her favourite home, Windsor Castle, 20 miles west of London, the Sunday newspaper, The People, said.

The newspaper said the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh want more freedom of movement and a healthy country home for their two children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, particularly as more Royal visits to the Dominions and colonies are likely.

First moves in a long-term plan to transfer the court are being made behind the scenes, the newspaper said, and they await the Queen's approval when she returns from her Commonwealth tour in May.

"An 18-month programme is being mapped out, which will provide for:

"State ceremonial functions only to be held at Buckingham Palace; historical apartments—except the Royal private suite—to be opened to the public; the Council Chamber, where the Queen will receive her Ministers, to be included in 18 extra rooms for the private apartments at the Castle."

The paper said the Queen liked Buckingham Palace no more than her father, who called it "an ice box."

"Her grandfather said it would make a good hotel—it warmed up and to King Edward VII it was a sepulchre."

A-BOMB SHELTER

Only Queen Victoria, liked Buckingham Palace as a home, the newspaper said.

A new covered entrance was being built at Windsor Castle by which the Royal Family could enter and leave their private apartments without being seen.

"Plans are almost complete also for an atom bomb shelter," the People continued.

The newspaper said most of the Palace staff welcome a permanent transfer to Windsor.

"One thing is clear. A vast change is about to take place in the whole organisation of Buckingham Palace—which may shock many traditionally-minded citizens," the People added. —China Mail Special.

Huks Clash With Govt Troops

Manila, Mar. 15.

Government troops secure a vital mountain on the border of Pangasinan and Zambales provinces in central Luzon on Sunday after a three-hour battle with heavily armed Huk forces forming part of Huk supreme commander Luis Taruc's elite guard.

This was the first contact with the elusive Huk forces since operation "Milagroa" was launched by the Army Command more than three weeks ago.

While no casualty list was released, army sources said the Huk suffered heavily. Army scout rangers spearheading the ascent on the mountain razed 18 Huk huts and seized two enemy production bases.

Faced by the superior Government troops, the Huks slowly retreated toward Mount Pinatubo, about ten air miles away.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that a top-ranking official of the big Sugar centre of Pangasinan has been exposed as giving financial aid to the Huks.

The disclosure was made to army probers by an employee of the sugar enterprises.

However, another official of the firm told army probers that they had to play ball with the Huks since the company's operational line extended up to Huk-infested areas. —France-Press.

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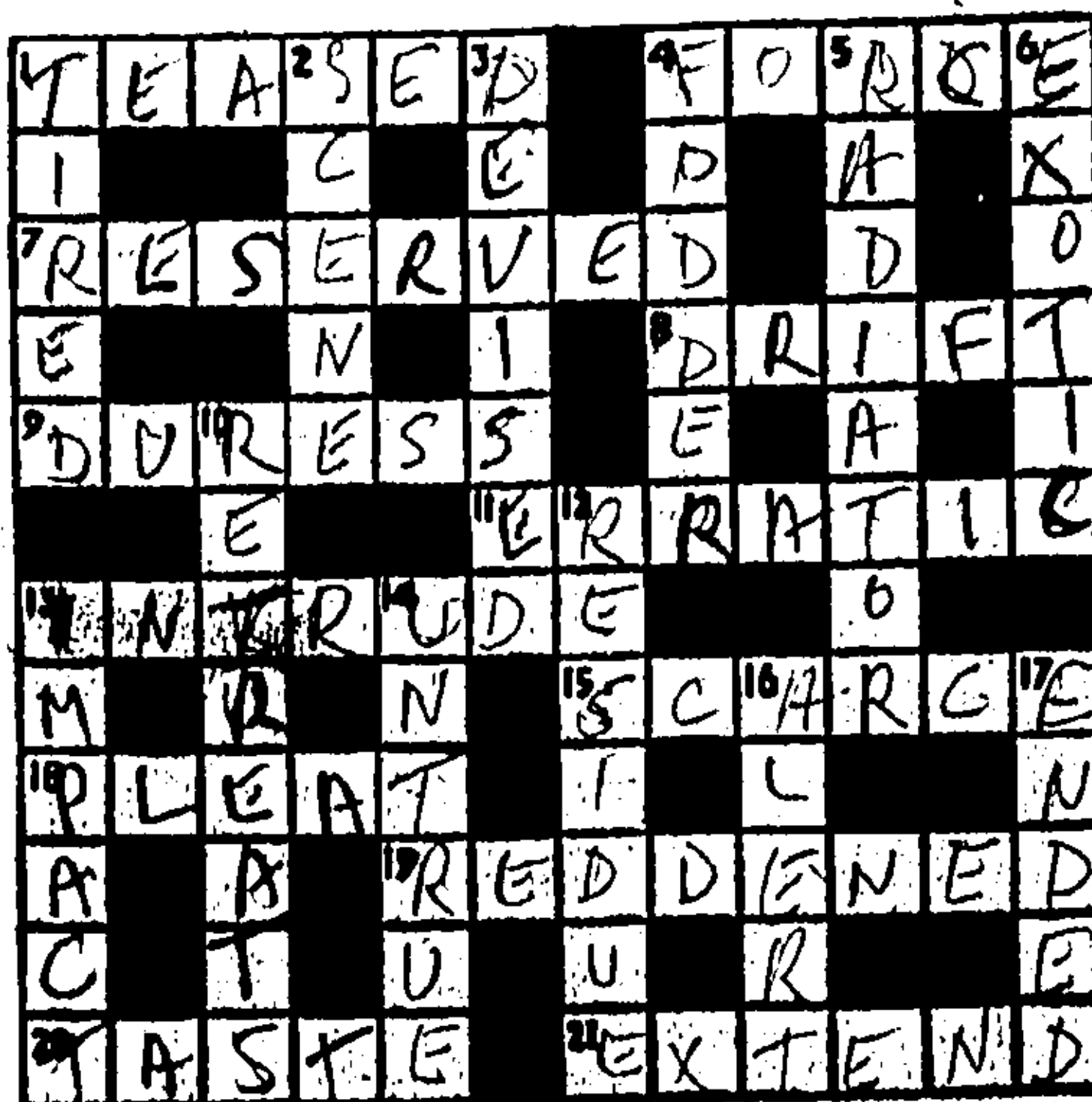
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- ACROSS
- 1 Assailed playfully (6).
 - 2 Compel (6).
 - 3 Reluctant (6).
 - 4 Current (6).
 - 5 Constraint (6).
 - 6 Weyward (7).
 - 7 Treacher (7).
 - 8 Scanty (6).
 - 9 Fold (6).
 - 10 Blushed (6).
 - 11 Savour (6).
 - 12 Stretch (6).

- DOWN
- 1 Wary (6).
 - 2 View (6).
 - 3 Contrived (7).
 - 4 Animal food (6).
 - 5 Part of a car (6).
 - 6 Foreign (6).
 - 7 Goes back (6).
 - 8 Remains (7).
 - 9 Collation (6).
 - 10 Falsely (6).
 - 11 Vigilant (6).
 - 12 Finished (6).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across 1 Took; 4 Devours; 5 Over; 6 Flur; 10 Foreign; 11 Deced; 12 Reveal; 13 Thru; 14 Carve; 15 Shelter; 16 Term; 17 List; 18 Evigence; 19 Induce; 20 Fear; 21 Blunder; 22 Same; Down 1 Orion; 2 Border; 3 Father's; 4 Erbs; 5 Obed; 6 Regal; 7 Blas; 8 Guide; 9 Auro; 10 Sam; 11 Delve; 12 Affire; 13 Vain; 14 Novel; 15 Lined; 16

"Chastity Is Not Desirable"

Johannesburg, Mar. 14.

A motion that "chastity is not desirable" was passed by 34 votes to 19 at a debate by medical students of Witwatersrand University.

About 200 students, including a number of women, were present when the debate began, but by the time the vote was taken the number had dwindled to fewer than 60.

When the vote was taken only one of the women present voted against the motion. The motion was carried by a three-to-one majority.

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SOUTH CHINA 2, KMB 1

THE BUSMEN WILL LONG WONDER WHY THEY LOST THIS GAME

In football it's goals that count. The Busmen will long wonder why they had so much of this game and lost. Twenty-one thousand spectators who packed themselves into the Caroline Hill Stadium on Saturday afternoon can no doubt give them the answer. You cannot ignore goal-scoring chances at one end, or leave them at the other, when you are up against South China.

This match was of paramount importance to both teams and it was therefore regrettable that a top-star was missing from each side. Tong Sheung was unavailable for South China, and Chan Kar-sau was an absentee from the KMB line-up.

There can be no doubt that the Busmen suffered more from the resultant changes as Fung Kwan-sing, who came in for Chan Kar-sau, never served the team as Chan usually does, and he was a very fortunate player that his robust tactics were not more severely punished by the referee.

South China were first to overcome the inevitable attack of big-match nerves and their early play was better and more profitable than that of KMB who had the brothers Sze Yui and Sze Yiu paired again on the right wing. It was the Busmen, however, who might have opened the scoring when an early header from Tam Woon-chung struck the post.

Play continued at a fast pace and kept the big crowd on edge until the 16th minute when Chu Wing-wah profited by a bad defensive error to send an accurate ball across to his twin, Mok Chun-wah, who acknowledged the gesture by leaving Wal Fat-kim helpless with a grand effort.

The Champions very nearly made it two a few minutes before the interval when a brilliant Yiu Cheuk-yin shot as just as brilliantly sent round the post by Wal Fat-kim.

Within 10 minutes of the restart the Busmen were back on equal terms as the result of a flying header by Sze Yiu, and the game immediately resumed as both sides struggled for the vital goal on which might well have hung a Championship title.

TWO PRICELESS POINTS

South China got the goal and with it two priceless points. Once again it was the Chu-Mok cross-field combination that made it possible. Chu avoided a wild reckless tackle from Fung Kwan-sing and again sent the ball flying across to Mok Chun-wah whose shot came back off the post to Lee Yui-tak.

The inside-right wasted no time in putting the ball into the net and the goal stood in spite of KMB protests about Kwok Ying-lok who was actual-

ly in the back of the net when Lee shot.

The rival centre-halves dominated this match. Ng Kee-cheung and Ko Po-keung can shake hands on this showing. They were both immense. There was really very little between the teams and the winners owe a lot to their two brilliant young wingers and to the Yiu Cheuk-yin Soong Ling-sing combination which successfully played Sze Yiu Man out of the game.

The struggle was always interesting and successful and it would be enlightening to know what the new Colony coach, Tom Sneddon, thought about general environment and the standard of play.

THE TEAMS

KMB: Wal Fat-kim; Hung Hing-yuk, Lee Chun-fai; Tang Sun, Ng Kee-cheung; Fung Kwan-sing; Sze Yiu, Sze Yui; Chan Tung Yee-Kit, Lee Tai-fai, Tam Woon-chung.

South China: Pui Kin-yin; Lok Tak-hai, Lau Yee; Lau Ching-ping, Ko Po-keung, Seong Ling-sing; Chu Wing-wah, Lee Yui-tak, Kwok Ying-lok, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

CLUB 1, ARMY 2

This game which was played at the Stadium on Saturday should have settled two points for the home side. For three quarters of the match they were faced by a depleted Army team that, due to an early injury to goalkeeper Granger, had Wells in goal, left-half Higgins at left back, inside left Doyle at left-half and a four-man front rank.

The Club had enough opportunities to win this encounter on first-half chances alone, and the fact that they scored their only goal from a penalty kick was due partly to the stubborn defence put up by the soldiers, but much more to the goal-keeping spirit that prevailed in their own attack.

Granger's injury, which came as the result of an accidental clash with McGregor in the 15th minute of the game, upset the rhythm of the Army team, but their re-arranged defence aided by the reluctance of Granger to go into the tackle for the ball, held out until the closing minute of the first half when Mullen was pulled down in the penalty area and Forrow slashed a wicked drive into the net wide of Wells' right hand.

The Army resumed without goalkeeper Granger who had had a short spell in the forward line just before the interval, but after Lunnion had scored the equaliser in the 13th minute when Campbell seemed late in getting down to a fast cross ball.

Granger resumed on the left wing with a sort of roving commission.

At this stage Club put in strenuous efforts to turn the game in their favour and MacDonald and Armstrong went right up into the attack. This scheme partly misfired for in several breakaway moves the Army still looked capable of getting a goal, and after Doyle had struck the cross bar the Soldiers put in a strong attack down the right flank.

When the ball landed in the goalmouth the Club defenders were caught out of position and Campbell, who had apparently suffered a recurrence of an old injury, could only push it out to Granger, now in the centre-forward position. The blonde goalie, reversing his usual role, made no mistake about driving it into the back of the net.

ALL-OUT DRIVE

With 10 minutes left for play the Club made an all-out drive to get the equaliser but once again the goal came at the other end where Bennett sent a high header over Campbell's arm into the net, only to have it, very correctly, disallowed for off-side by Referee Wilcox.

In the Club side Tarpey was the better back while MacDonald and Forrow put in a grand afternoon's defensive work in the half-back line. It was forward that Club had their main worries. Pat Gardner, while fit enough, is understandably reluctant to go into the heavy tackle either with or for the ball and in consequence several golden chances went begging.

Falconer had the right idea. He never missed a chance to have a shot at goal and it would have paid the others to have followed his lead.

MacGregor had a quiet return to Colony football and showed that once he has had an opportunity to play himself into form he will be a valuable asset to the side.

It was unfortunate that he was involved in the early accident to Granger for, although he was blameless, the incident may well have upset his confidence.

Mullen started off well and the holding ground suited his stylish ball play, but later he lost his sparkle and his pace and Paton suffered in consequence.

For the Soldiers it was a goalkeeper's day out. Wells did excellently between the sticks and of course Granger made his unusual mark with the winning goal. The team never really struck form and a touch of desperation tinged their play during the second half.

Buckley, Frazer, Doyle and Bennett were the men who contributed most to the victory, although little Thomas and Lunnion played with more devil in the second half.

THE TEAMS

Club: Campbell, Armstrong, Tarpey, MacDonald, Forrow, Planck, Paton, Mullen, McGregor, Falconer, Gardner.

Army: Granger, Buckley, Wells, Crowhurst, Frazer, Higgins, Lunnion, Reeves, Bennett, Doyle, Thomas.

Brazil Beat Chile 1-0

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 14. Brazil retained their unbeaten record in the World Soccer Cup qualifying competition when they beat Chile 1-0 here today.

Brazil have now beaten Chile twice and Paraguay once - Paraguay's only defeat. They meet Paraguay here on March 21 in the final match of Group 12.

Brazil attacked strongly from the start and in the 23rd minute Baltazar scored in a goalmouth melee which followed a spectacular save by Chile's goalkeeper, Livingston.

Chile improved and threatened danger many times - in the closing stages of the match, but they were unable to beat the Brazilians.

SPORTING SAM By Reg. Wootton



SATURDAY'S RUGGER

Only One Surprise Result In Seven-a-Sides

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon the first round and most of the second round of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-Side competition was played off at Causeway Bay. The one surprise of the afternoon was the Boom Defence Depot's defeat of the REME Optimists by 11 points to nil.

This team started off an unknown quantity—and not much was expected of them as they explained before the game that they had no reserve, the whole of the Defence Depot European staff being in the seven.

The best teams on show were RAF Kai Tak "A", who played a grand game with Davidson outstanding; the Old Crocks who neither looked very old or crooked, and the 27th Lt Bty. RA who played the type of game which is usually seen in normal matches.

Wayfoong was rather disappointing and had it not been for Craig and Petrie, who practically carried the rest of the team, they would have lost.

Welch "B" looked a much more satisfactory team and seemed to have a better idea of the game than their seniors in the "A" team.

THE GAMES

Welch "A" 3, RAF (HK) "A" 0

In this game there was no scoring until the last minute when the Welch three went away from a 20-yard scrum and Lewis scored. The RAF were unlucky to miss a penalty in the first half.

REME "Casuals" 11, RAF (HK) "B" 0

REME pressed from the start and after a couple of minutes Bain scored. Then before half time REME kicked well ahead, and Green followed up fast to gather and score under the posts. The kick was converted.

In the second half England broke through from a five-yard scrum and scored. The kick was missed.

RAF (Kai Tak) "B" 8, HMS CRANE 0

The Airmen did all the pressing and Hurst broke through and ran for three-quarters of the length of the field to score under the posts. Easily converted.

In the second half Hurst missed a long penalty kick, and although Crane pressed they could not get through, and Brit settled the matter when he kicked ahead and scored under the posts. The kick was missed.

RASC "A" 3, Police "B" 0

A good first half, but the second half contained too much touch kicking, and extra time had to be played. The game became rather dreary and when the RASC scored in the ninth minute of extra time, a sigh of relief went up all around.

H.K. Signals Regt. 8, 27 HAA, RA 3

This was a really good game in comparison with the previous one. In the first minute the Signals scored when Kirbelsan took the ball from a loose maul and scored. Bell converted.

The 27th attacked in turn and got to the Signals line but a penalty allowed the Signals to clear.

The 27th pressed in the second half, and got a scrum on the Signals five-yard line which they won, but Kirbelsan intercepted a pass and ran the whole length of the field to score under the posts. The conversion was missed.

In the closing minute the 27th got a penalty and put the ball between the posts.

RAF (Kai Tak) "A" 18, Tamar Tigers 0

Although the RAF team was missing both Eden and Mildon due to injuries, they never looked like losing and they got to the Signals line but a penalty allowed the Signals to clear.

The 27th pressed in the second half, and got a scrum on the Signals five-yard line which they won, but Kirbelsan intercepted a pass and ran the whole length of the field to score under the posts. The conversion was missed.

Davidson scored this time from a lovely pass from Taylor. Davidson converted.

14th Field 11, REME "Hornets" 3

RASC "B" called off their match with the Hornets, but the 14th Field, whose application to play was lost, had turned up with all their players and full kit, and REME agreed to take them on instead.

The 14th had a good player in Gilhooly who broke through and scored under the posts early on with a fine run, but failed to convert his try.

In the second half the 14th's three went away nicely and the ball went to Gilhooly who scored and converted. Then the Hornets got a penalty well out on the 35-yard line and the kick was successful.

From a scrum on the REME 25 Gilhooly again scored well out. The kick was not taken.

H.K. Police "A" 3, 7th Royal Tank Regt. 0

The Police nearly scored from a quick penalty and then their three attacked, but poor passing spoiled this move. Finally the Police three got well past and Bryan scored in the corner. The conversion was missed.

Tanks got a penalty well out but missed and although they did most of the pressing in the second half they could not score.

27th Lt. Bty. RA 20, STANLEY GARRISON 0

This 27th team just walked this, and will think so the RAF (Kai Tak) "A" in the semi-finals. First Michie nearly scored, but a Garrison player touched down. A minute later and Michie did score from a 25 scrum. Wright converted.

Wright, in fact, took all the kicks and made a fine job of them all distance seemingly making no difference to him.

Next Parkinson outpaced the defence and scored under the posts. Wright converted. Again Parkinson went off on a long run and scored well out. Wright converted.

In the second half Stanley just missed a penalty on the 27th 25. In the last minute Hill scored well out. Wright converted.

Welch "B" 11, HQLE 0

Another good team in this Welch side and they might just make the semi-finals. In the first minute a lovely three move saw them score well out, but the conversion was missed.

Three more tries in the first half they seemed to have a certain score but had passing ruined their chances.

However, in the second half they tried using only two men in the lineouts, thus giving them an extra three, and this move was very successful as with its help they scored two more tries, one of which was converted.

Boom Defence Depot 11, REME "Optimists" 0

REME naturally looked optimistic when they saw the general age of their opponents, but they got a terrific shock. The Depot just failed to score in the opening minute. But there was a scrum in front of the posts and Totop went over, then converted his own try.

In the second half there were two more five-yard scrums and each time Totop was over the top and converted. The Depot's defence was not up to the task.

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WALTON JUBILEE

By HENRY LONGHURST

With the Royal and Ancient due shortly to celebrate 200 years of golf at St Andrews, it seems hard to believe that the wave of enthusiasm which brought the game surging over England took place only 50 or 60 years ago and that some of the greatest of the so-called London clubs have yet to reach their half-century.

Last week, for instance, the members of Walton Heath dined to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the day when Herbert Fowler rode out on to the heath above Walton-on-the-Hill, his horse obscured by the bracken and firs as golfers so often are today, and designed what to many is the best, and to me is the best but one, inland-cum-seaside course in England.

He sent for James Brind, who set to work with a shovel and stayed for 47 years, ending his days there revered and respected as no man of his profession had been before. Now, fittingly enough, his son Harry is captain of the club in its jubilee year.

ADVANCING YEARS
The standard reminder of advancing years is the fact that policemen begin to look like boys. Another, for me, came on Crewe Station when a Scotsman revealed that he had described me to a porter as a "stoutish middle-aged fellow in a grey suit." Yet another is Walton Heath.

At Walton the world divides itself into pre- and post-Alterations. You date either from before "The Alterations"—I have never heard them otherwise described—or from after them. If, like myself, you are a pre-Alterationist, you tend to think that the world stopped in about 1936.

Herbert Fowler, having half of Surrey to play about in, designed his course roughly on the lines of the Old course at St Andrews—eight holes out, a loop, and the remainder "in." You thrust your way up the heath, head bowed against the wind, for what seemed several miles, and then turned for home. It may not have been subtle but, my word, it was good!

With "improvements" in the ball, some of the holes became what is known as bad lengths—neither one thing nor the other—and eventually the alterations took place, adding undoubted variety and blending the Old and New courses. But some of us, after nearly 20 years, are still not quite sure whether we are on the Old course playing the new fifth which used to be the old 11th or the New—or what.

Walton remains, however, both for golf and for atmosphere, one of the great clubs. More than golfing history has been made there. With Lloyd George living the length of a brassie shot from the first hole and Lord Riddell, the club's principal founder, ever active in the background, it used to be facetiously said of the first war that it was conducted from the 19th hole at Walton.

As to the golf, it is elemental—a couple of wooden clubs, the three or four irons, a niblick

MOREA BEATS DROBNY

Calra, Mar. 14. Enrique Morea of the Argentine today wrested the Egyptian lawn tennis singles title from Jaroslav Drobny (Egypt), who had held it for four years. Scores were 6-3, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4. Yesterday Morea and Drobny beat Buckie Fatty and G. Shea—a couple of wooden clubs, the three or four irons, a niblick

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	Leaves	Arrives
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British Ships Facing Competition

Liverpool, Mar. 15. Liverpool shipowners warned today that British shipping would in future have to face increased foreign competition already up to pre-war strength.

The 1953 annual report of the Liverpool Steamship Owners Association said in 1952 Germany and Japan were virtually non-existent as competitors.

"They are now returning in force and have to be regarded as an increasing competitive factor," the report said. British shipping would not easily maintain its present share of world trade against the renewed overseas competition.

BIG GROWTH

"British shipping is being faced by new or increased competition from flags which in pre-war were of little competitive account, and in particular from south and central American countries seized with the urge to establish their own mercantile marines," the report warned.

Argentina, Liberia and Panama were among those nations which made the largest individual developments in foreign fleets since 1936. There has also been large increases in tonnage by Brazil (97 per cent), Denmark (83 per cent), Norway (74 per cent) and Sweden (148 per cent).

Germany's fleet last year was at least half its pre-war strength, but Japan was already above two-thirds of its strength before the war.—Reuter.

Russia's Citizens Go To The Polls

Moscow, Mar. 14. Citizens throughout the U.S.S.R. went to the polls today to elect 1,331 members of the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament, to four-year terms.

The election mechanics in Moscow looked different in many ways from those held in Western Europe or the United States. But there was a holiday atmosphere, heightened by perfect sunny, almost spring weather.

Muscovites will elect 19 deputies to the two Houses of Parliament—the Soviet of the Union and the Soviet of Nationalities. Throughout the 10 republics, other Russians are doing the same.

Among the Moscow candidates were Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov, Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, Communist Party First Secretary Nikita Khrushchev and Defence Minister Nikolai Bulganin.

The easy informality of the officials and registrars and the patient expression on their faces as they waited for voters at polling places in the city gave a calm atmosphere to the scene.

The major and overwhelming difference between elections here and in the West is that there is only a single name on each ballot. But this did not seem to concern the hundreds of voters. And a strong get-out-the-vote campaign by the party press and agitators did not seem to leave the voters disgruntled. The polling place in the Ministry of Ocean Going and River Transport Building was a long room decorated with red banners stretching from the ceiling to the floor. Along one side sat a dozen election clerks or registrars.

They had lists of registered voters before them—each with names beginning with a few letters of the alphabet. The voters presented grey passports and clerks, in blue Ministry uniforms, checked them.

Identified, the voter was given two paper ballots about six by nine inches in size. One was blue for Bulganin, the candidate in the district for the Soviet of Nationalities. The other was white for Alla Tarasova, a famous actress, a candidate for the Soviet of the Union.

"Leave on the ballot the name of the candidate for whom you are voting and cross out the rest," the instructions read. It was explained that voters have the right to cross out the one candidate listed and write in another, if they so desire.

Many of the voters went into the booths and folded up their ballots. They emerged after a minute or two and dropped the slips into one of two padlocked, polished wooden boxes. The ballot boxes stood near a wall on which were painted 10-foot high pictures of the heads of V.I. Lenin and Josef Stalin.

The polls opened at 6 a.m. Moscow-time on Saturday and stayed open until midnight. However, at many of the precinct polling places voting was completed by noon.

The counting of the votes began immediately the polls closed. All the election workers gathered around, each taking 100 votes or so, and the ballots were counted three times. Only percentages of votes cast for winning candidates are announced as a rule.—United Press.

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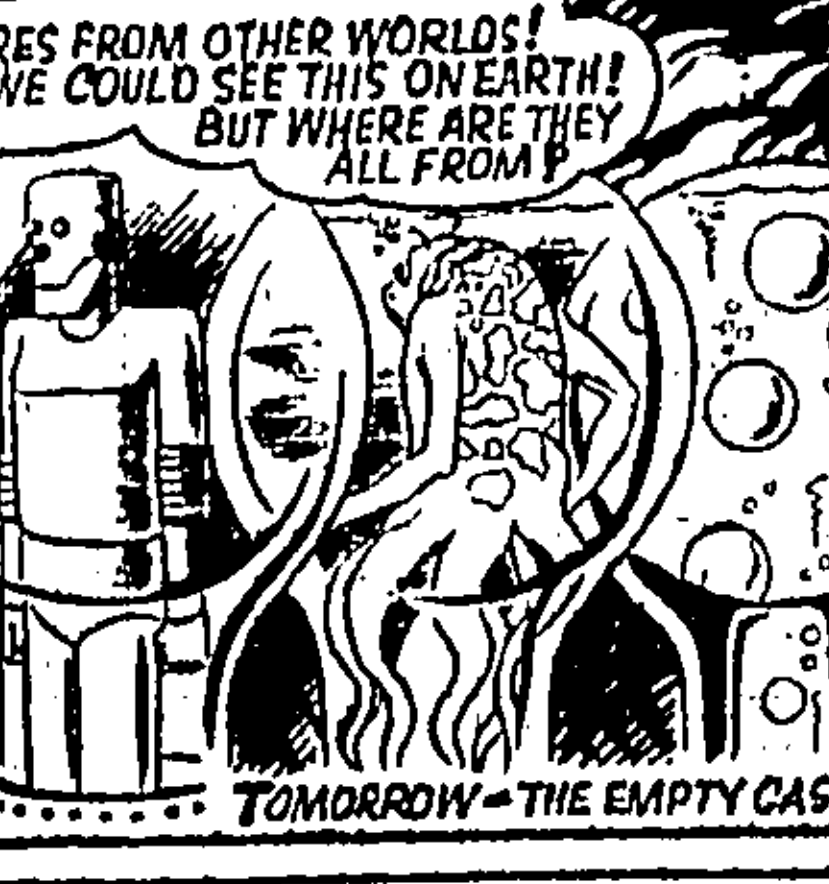
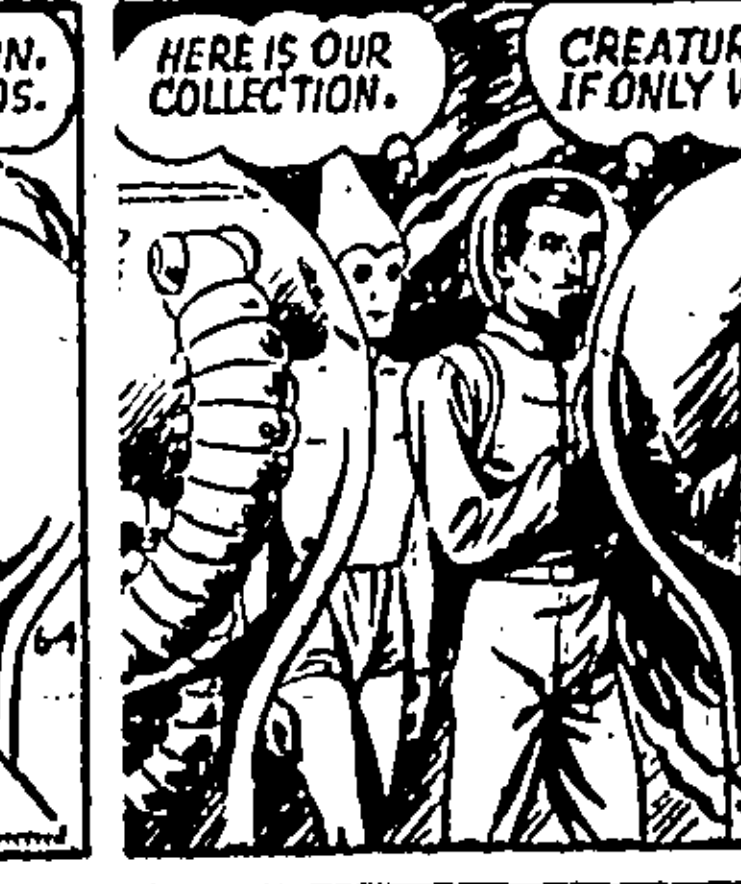
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Shipping Line Formed In Ceylon

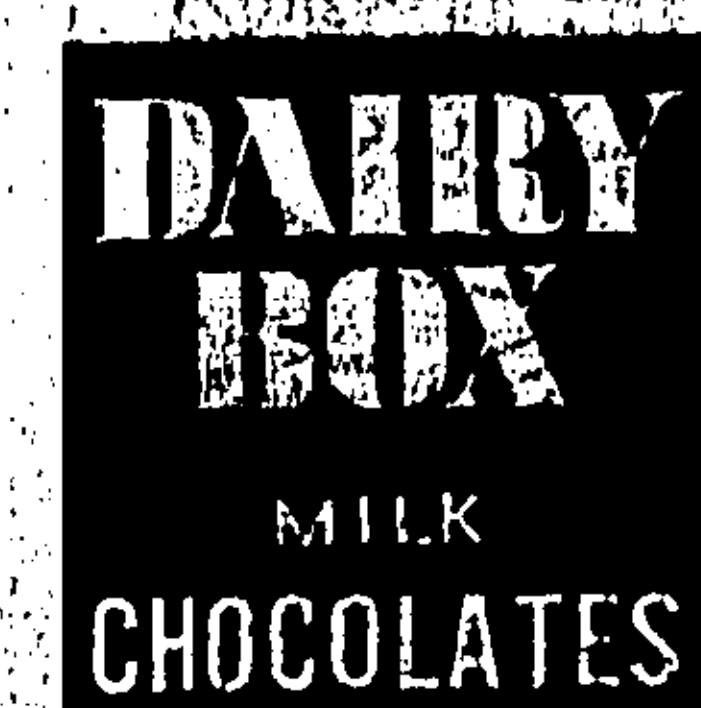
Colombo, Mar. 14. A group of Ceylonese businessmen have taken the first step towards the building of a merchant marine fleet by forming an independent Ceylon shipping line with Ceylonese capital and Norwegian ships.

The new company—the Ceylon Shipping Lines Ltd.—was incorporated in comparative secrecy and is known to be already handling a 200-ton Burma rice contract for the Ministry of Food.

More than 13,000 tons of rice has already been transported in one of the company's three ships—the 10,000-ton m.v. Alpha Zambesi. Another vessel, the m.v. Beta, is loading general cargo, including sugar, in Colombo for Burma. The third ship, the m.v. Gamma (5,000 tons), is already on the Colombo-Rangoon run.

It is understood the company is backed by shipping interests in Norway which has the largest merchant shipping fleet in the world. One of the Norwegian directors of the Ceylon Shipping Lines, Torey Mowald, has left Norway by air after a short visit in connection with the establishment of the company.

He said the prospects for Ceylon, especially a merchant fleet, were very bright, and that his country was willing to back the new line, which would be a Ceylonese-Burmese-Norwegian venture.



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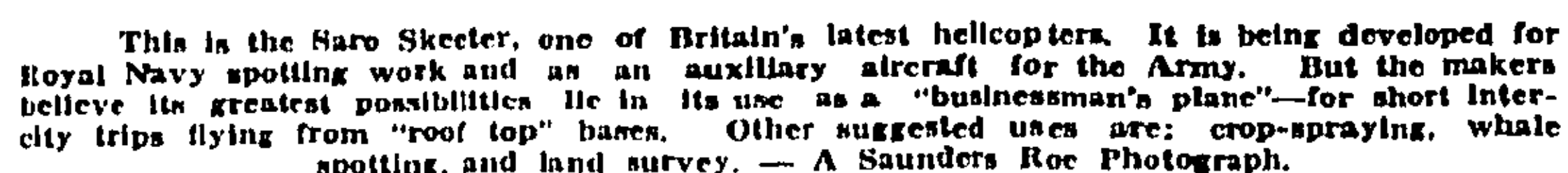
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